

Appl. No. 10/815,357
Amdt. Dated January 31, 2007
Reply to Office action of January 5, 2007

REMARKS

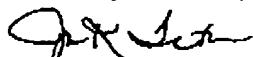
This amendment is responsive to the Office Action and Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed January 5, 2007 wherein the office action response filed on October 19, 2006 is considered non-compliant. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 19 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 6 and 17 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-25 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action states that the claims have not been provided with the proper status identifiers. Applicants' respectfully submit that claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, 19 and 21 have been amended and have been provided with the corresponding identifier. The Examiner further states that claim 13 appeared to be changed relative to the immediate prior version. Applicants have carefully reviewed claim 13 and respectfully submit that claim 13 was amended in the Office Action response mailed on June 30, 2006. Claim 13 is now provided with the proper identifier to indicate its amended status.

Accordingly, Applicants' respectfully submit that claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-25 are in sufficient form for allowance, and allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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